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by the RCMP in Ottawa, by providing identities to the banks. The first list that was provided to the banks contained names of individuals that were identified as leaders/influencers of the protest and it was followed with more names in connection with the vehicles that were on site at the protest and would not leave. The primary reasons of applying the EMO with the banks and freeze the accounts, was to use it for a disruption and a persuasion method for the people to leave the Ottawa region and stop the illegal protest, and not to take/seize their funds. The amount of money in the accounts was not targeted. We are now in the process, with the banks, to unfreeze the accounts when we know individuals are no longer taking part or a threat to the protest in Ottawa. All that to say is that the person with \$5 in their account will get it back once they leave. Our PLTs heard from at least one person that they were leaving because their account got frozen and they received a call from their wife who was not happy."



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